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Julian Bond to Moderate Conference on *Brown v. Board of Education*

Charlottesville, VA — May 21, 2004 Fifty years ago the Supreme Court declared doctrine of “separate but equal” unconstitutional, and demanded the desegregation of public schools. On June 4th and 5th, the Miller Center for Public Affairs will host a conference, free and open to the public, examining that decision’s history, context, and future. **“The Road to and from Brown v. Board of Education: A Critical Re-Examination”** features nationally renowned scholars and key players in the civil rights movement. A conference schedule is attached.

Friday opens with a discussion of the film *Separate But Equal*, introduced by University of Virginia Professor and NAACP Chairman Julian Bond, and writer, producer and director of the Emmy awarding winning mini-series, George Stevens Jr. Later in the day, UVa Professor of Law, Risa Goluboff will speak about “Paving the Road to Brown.” June Shagaloff Alexander, who served as Special Counsel to Thurgood Marshall, and Virginia Foundation for the Humanities Fellow, Larissa Smith will present “Walking the Road to Brown.”

The day will conclude with a keynote address by Emory Law Professor and Pulitzer Prize winning author, David Garrow. On Saturday, civil rights lawyer William Taylor, and UVa professor and acclaimed author Michael J. Klarman will discuss “The Road from Brown.” To close the conference, the Honorable Julian Bond will offer a Critical Re-Examination of the Brown decision.

All events will take place at the Miller Center, located at 2201 Old Ivy Road. More information, including speaking times and directions to the Center, can be found at www.millercenter.virginia.edu.

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